



United States Department of Agriculture



Green Mountain/Finger Lakes National Forests
Rainbow Family National Gathering
Information Update
June 23, 2016

Contact: Nadine Pollock, National Incident Management Team Public Information Officer, 814-203-7066
Ethan Ready, Green Mountain National Forest Public Affairs Officer, 802-355-1724
Incident Command Post, 414-232-8355

Update 4

835 Rainbow Family members are currently occupying areas on Forest Road 10 near Mount Tabor. As of 6/22 there were 13 buses at the gathering site. Some of the buses will be relocated today to a more acceptable parking place as they are currently parked outside of the area designated for buses.

The Incident Management Team continues to respond to issues and concerns of the impacts to communities.

Local communities and businesses are seeing an increased presence of Rainbow Family members.

Rainbow family members are expected to come to provide their food and water as they travel to the gathering site. Kitchens are opening at the site daily to feed Rainbow Family members. Large deliveries of pre-ordered food are being made to supply the kitchens at the gathering site.

By June 22, 2016, a total of 25 warning notices and 21 violation notices were issued for traffic and drug related offences. 21 other incidents received law enforcement response. Ten Rainbow Family members have been treated for various ailments at the hospital in Rutland.

All natural resource areas of concern have been reviewed and flagged for avoidance by Rainbow Family members.

Photo below left: A view of a common "campsite" at the gathering site.

Photo below right: Welcome banner.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

